By the Major.

A Proclamation for the prices of Tallow and Candles.

THe Lord Maior and Aldermen his Brethren, hauing taken knowledge of the exceſſiue prices of Tallow & Candles vttered and ſold within the City of London: and finding vpon ſearch and ſurvey made of the ſtore of Tallow and Candles in the hand of the Tallow Chandlers, and Candlemakers, aſwell Engliſh as Strangers, within this City and Liberties thereof, that diuers of them not contented with reaſonable profit, in vttering and ſelling of Candles and Tallow, haue engroſſed vnduly into their hands, great quantities both of Tallow and Candles, thereby to enhance the prices thereof: Inaſmuch as the principall ſale lieth in the hands of few. For remedy whereof, the Lord Maior and Court of Aldermen, haue conceiued it very expedient and needfull, to ſet prices according to former preſidents vpon Tallow and Candles vttered within this City. And therefore do by theſe preſents, ordaine, publiſh, and declare, that no Butcher or other perſon whatſoeuer, ſhall from henceforth vtter or ſell, or cauſe to be vttered or ſold within this City or Liberties, any Engliſh Tallow aboue the price of twentie ſixe ſhillings eight pence the hundred weight. And that no Tallow Chandler, Candlemaker, or other perſon whatſoeuer, that do, or ſhall make, vtter, or ſell any Candles made of Tallow, within this City or Liberties thereof, ſhall at any time hereafter, vtter or ſell, or cauſe to be vttered or ſold, any tallow Candles aboue the prices hereafter mentioned: that is to ſay, good Cotton Candles for foure pence farthing the pound, and good Weeke Candles for three pence three farthings the pound, and not at any higher price or prices. And the ſaid Butchers, Tallow Chandlers, Candlemakers, and ſuch other perſons afore mentioned, are hereby ſtraightly charged and commanded, to obey and keepe the ſaide rates and prices ſet vpon Tallow and Candles as aforeſaide, vntill further order to the contrary be taken by the Lord Maior and Aldermen his Brethren, vpon paine and perill that will fall thereon.

Giuen at the Guild-hall of the Citty of London, this 14. day of September, in the eighteenth yeare of his Maieſties reigne of England, France, and Ireland, and of Scotland the foure and fiftieth. God ſaue the King.

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